

12/1/08 - Monday, December 1, 2008

EAU CLAIRE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Meeting of December 1, 2008

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione

Members absent: Bob Von Haden, John Mann

Minutes. The minutes of the November 3, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

1. Discussion of Third Ward Historic Landmark District Informational Meeting. The Commission discussed the informational meeting held on November 11th regarding the Third Ward Historic Landmark District. All property owners that opted-out of the landmark designation in 1992 had been invited to the meeting to discuss the district and the possibility of adding the properties back into the historic district.

Few people attended the meeting and those in attendance supported inclusion in the district. The Commission noted that it is difficult to determine the reason for the low attendance, but noted no opposition was voiced by those in attendance at the meeting or from telephone calls before the meeting. Pat noted that he received only one phone call and that was from a property owner interested in being added back into the district.

The Commission stated that three of the property owners to the east of Farwell Street should be contacted regarding their interest in the district. These properties are within the Third Ward National Register Expansion District and may desire to be included in the local district. Ken Fulgione indicated that he would contact the three property owners and report back at the next meeting.

2. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.

A. Discussion of 602 Water Street. The Commission discussed some exterior changes that had been made to 602 Water Street (Ottawa House.) This is a commercial building and the front windows have been covered with wood. Pat explained the history of the work. The Commission asked Pat to inquire as to whether any façade grant or loan programs may be available for the building and that Pat contact the Wisconsin Historical Society to discuss the situation. Finally, the Commission suggested that the owner of the property be contacted and invited to the next Commission meeting to discuss alternatives.

B. Commission Appointments for 2009. It was noted that Jenny Ebert™s first term on the Commission expires at the end of the year. Jenny indicated that she was interested in serving a second term.

C. Discussion of Porch Work at 408 Lincoln Avenue. Sue Nelson and Ken Ziehr discussed the porch stabilization work recently completed at 408 Lincoln Avenue. The work provides a lower cost alternative to stabilizing masonry porches.

D. Brochures and Newsletter. The Commission reviewed three recently completed publications, including the 2009 Landmarks Newsletter, Waterway Marker Guide, and a brochure featuring the Historic City Hall/Library. In addition, a draft of a brochure featuring the Boyd Bandshell was reviewed.

The Commission suggested that the City Hall brochure be printed using a sepia color ink, similar to the Carson Park Baseball Stadium brochure. It was also suggested that a future newsletter feature the work of Ed Garlick and his landmark properties.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.